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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AMAT

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1. BEFORE INSPECTION TEAM LEFT WASHINGTON, JOHN THOMAS DISCUSSED PROPOSED AMAT TRIP -- AND ITS TIMING -- WITH MR. BEAN. TEAM IS THEREFORE AWARE THAT WE ARE MOVING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF PROPERTY DEBT QUESTION IN NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT WE PREFER TO DISPATCH TEAM AFTER WE HAVE FIRM FIX ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WITH WHICH TO SOLVE YOUR REALTY PROBLEMS.

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2. FBO AND L ARE WORKING WITH EA TO DEVELOP SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR EMBASSY TO TAKE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ROK. CABLE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU IN TWO WEEKS. WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD TEAM UNTIL YOU ADVISE THE RESULTS OF US-ROK DISCUSSIONS. WE INTEND FOR AMAT TEAM LEADER TO BE SENIOR A BUREAU OFFICER WHO HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO REACH DECISIONS WITH YOU WHILE IN SEOUL. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE FOR HIM TO

HAVE RESOURCES IN HAND TO SOLVE EMBASSY PROBLEMS. IN
VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS WITH S/IG TEAM, I FEEL CERTAIN THEY
FULLY UNDERSTAND NEED FOR TEAM, AS WELL AS RATIONALE FOR
TIMING SEQUENCE OUTLINED ABOVE.

3. WHILE WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO SEND AMAT TEAM AS
SINGLE UNIT UNDER DIRECTION OF SENIOR OFFICER, MR. THOMAS
IS PREPARED TO TDY AUTOMATION EXPERTS TO SEOUL IMMEDIATELY
IF YOU FEEL STUDY OF THAT SITUATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN
NOW. PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
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